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GENERAL NOTES.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES TO MEET AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY IN
APRIL.

The second annual meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held this year at Stanford University during the period, April 4 to 7. Among the scientific societies which will also convene in conjunction with this meeting are the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, the Pacific Coast Section of the American Mathematical Society, the American Physical Society, the California Section of the American Chemical Society, the Cordilleran Section of the Geological Society of America, the Seismological Society of America, the Pacific Coast Branch of the Palaeontological Society, the Western Society of Naturalists, the Cooper Ornithological Club, the Pacific Slope Branch of the American Association of Economic Entomologists, and the California Academy of Sciences. Sessions of these societies will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the period of the convocation.

The first general session of the occasion will be held on Thursday evening, at which Dr. J. C. Branner, President Emeritus of Stanford University and retiring President of the Pacific Division of the American Association, will give the presidential address.

On the evening of Friday, April 6, Dr. F. J. E. Woodbridge, Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University and Lecturer in Philosophy on the Mills Foundation at the University of California this spring, will speak on the subject, "History and Evolution."

On the evening of Saturday, April 7, a dinner will be held in San Francisco under the auspices of the California Academy of Sciences for participation by all members of the American Association and affiliated societies.

A symposium upon the general subject, "Co-ordination and Co-operation in Research and in Applications of Science," under the direction of Dr. D. T. MacDougal, Director of the Desert Botanical Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution of

Washington, Tucson, will be held on Thursday afternoon, April 5. Among the speakers will be Dr. William E. Ritter, Director of the Scripps Institution for Biological Research at La Jolla, who will present a paper upon "The Closer Organization of Scientific Men of the World."

The titles and brief abstracts of the papers presented at this meeting of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific are given under Notes from Pacific Coast Observatories elsewhere in this number of the PUBLICATIONS.

The first meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of several affiliated societies occurred last August in San Diego. For a number of years past, however, many of these societies have been in the habit of meeting at a common place and time, and the recent organization of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the largest general scientific organization in America, is in a sense a recognition of the previous achievements in these many fields of science by Pacific Coast men.

REQUEST FOR COPIES OF NO. 48 OF THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE
ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC.

No. 48 of the PUBLICATIONS of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific is now out of print. In order to be able to fill occasional orders for complete sets, the Publication Committee desires to obtain a few copies of this number, in good condition, for which fifty cents will be paid.

Copies may be sent to H. D. Curtis, Mt. Hamilton, Calif.

The late Percival Lowell made provision in his will for the continuance of the work of the Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, Arizona. The fund is to be administered by Mr. Lowell, Dr. Percival Lowell's cousin. Dr. V. M. Slipher, for many years Dr. Lowell's chief assistant, has been appointed director of the Observatory.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. John Tebbutt, of Windsor, New South Wales, at the age of 82. Mr. Tebbutt

was an amateur astronomer, who for more than half a century made most valuable observations of comets, double stars and other objects at his private observatory at Windsor. A more extended account of his work will be found in Volume XXI, p. 42 of these PUBLICATIONS.

Mr. F. W. Levander, for many years editor of the *Journal* and of the *Memoirs* of the British Astronomical Association, died on December 20, 1916, after a short illness. In him the Association has lost a man whose place it will be hard to fill.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC,
HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY ON
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1917, AT 7:00 P.M.

There were present Directors Costa, Hodghead, Leuschner, Cornish and Richardson.

A communication was read by the Secretary from Mr. Costa in which that gentleman declined the office of President which had been conferred upon him at the annual meeting of January 27, 1917.

After listening to Mr. Costa's reasons for withdrawing, the resignation was accepted with much regret and the Board took occasion to express its deep appreciation of the loyal services rendered at all times by Mr. Costa to the Society.

The Board then proceeded to the election of a new President, and choice fell upon Mr. Frank V. Cornish, who was unanimously elected to take the place left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Costa.